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## **Love Your Creative Space: It's Not a One Size Fits All Solution**

### **My Stuff**

- **The Dream vs. The Reality**
- **Plan, Set a Date, Prepare**
  - Select a date when life is not hectic.
  - Anticipate taking 2-4 days depending on the size of your space.
  - Make donation arrangements (new quilter, family, Put N Take Table, local church, school, etc.).
  - Set up dedicated sorting area with labeled containers (Keep/Donate/Gift).

### **Day 1: Where To Start?**

- Ask a friend to help. Trade out favors.
- Music or favorite movie makes the job easier.
- Start in one area/side of a room.
- Start with one basket, bin or bag of something.
- Don't focus on other areas of the room.
- **Getting Down To Business**
  - Create Holding Areas (boxes, baskets, bins, asst. containers, etc.) for sorting items to temporarily hang out in.
  - Like goes with Like (pins, books, patterns, etc.).
  - Keep packaging intact, you're just sorting.
  - Plan a break occasionally.
- **The Benefits of Sorting & Purging**
  - Let's you see your entire collection.
  - Save yourself \$\$\$ and avoid purchasing twice.
  - Save time and frustration of always hunting.
  - Letting go can be a positive.
  - Purging opens up space for things you're excited by *now*, not 10 years ago.



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- **Evaluate Each Collection**
  - Do I still use this item?
  - Would I buy this item again?
  - Would this help another?
  - Do I really need 7 versions of.....?

## **Day 2: Continuing The Work**

- **See Small Changes Happening**
  - More empty and open spaces.
  - Areas of 'Big Picture' sorted items.
  - Boxes/bags ready or loaded in the car for their journey to a new home.
  - Keep at the sorting...you're doing great.
  - Don't forget a break occasionally.
- **Making With Scrap Fabric & Batting**
  - Quilts, fabric books for mindful stitching, gifts
  - Greeting cards, mini art collage
  - Cut batting into your most used sizes to stack & store
  - Mug rugs, mini quilts, small works that lead to larger work

## **Day 3: Focus On The Details & Labels**

- **Subdivide & Label**
  - Subdividing categories.
  - Reuse other containers.
  - Label everything to make finding and returning easy.
  - Labels don't have to be fancy.
  - Save \$\$ with simple storage from around your house.
- **By The End Of The Day**
  - Designated places within drawers, on shelves, etc.
  - Room for additional storage items, tools, etc.
  - Utilizing tools in unexpected places
  - Forget the hunt, label everything.

## **My Space, Circle Of Reach**

- Assess and plan for your needs in the space available.
- Circle of reach.
- What are your workstation needs (cut, press, sew, iron, design, etc.)?
- Consider and utilize a variety of storage options to maximize storage in your allowable space.
- Invest in quality lighting & electric capacity.



## **Set Up Your Space**

Consider your esthetic preferences (minimal vs. high energy, open vs. hidden storage, rolling vs. stationary storage, color)

- **Go Vertical & Hide In Plain Sight**
  - Utilize wall space with shelves, shelving units (with doors or without) and bookcases for more floor space.
  - Units on wheels options provide the benefit of roll out, roll back option.
  - Pegboards, doors and other vertical storage options keep work areas clear.
  - Upcycle or hide in plain sight furniture that provides storage.
  - Consider and utilize a variety of storage options to maximize storage in your allowable space.
  
- **Create A Unified Theme**
  - Unify by keeping major pieces in similar style/color (minimalist, industrial, vintage, eclectic, etc.).
  - Focus on what's important to you, the furniture isn't necessarily the star.
  - Build as \$\$\$ allow and with components that work together.
  - Personalize your space with paint, color, art, mementos.
  - Make the space you have work for you.
  
- **Keeping It Clean**
  - 15 min. a day can make a huge difference.
  - Deep clean every month/6-months depending on studio use.
  - Tidy worksurfaces.
  - Put away items not needed for the next time.
  
- **Learn More**
  - Companion Book
  - Private Consulting
  - Lectures
    - Adapting For Change & Long-Term Planning
    - Small Spaces-Tiny Studios
    - On The Go-Build A Studio That Moves With You
    - Dual Studios-Twice The Fun
    - Quilting Machines



## **Products Featured In Presentation**

- Michael's Double-Sided Snap Lid Thread Boxes
- Slat Wall (Lowe's, Home Depot)
- *Sensational Quilts For Scrap Lovers* by Judy Gauthier
- *Quilter's Scrap Pantry* by SusanClaireMayfield
- *The Art of Make Do Quilting* by Mary Kerr
- A1Bead Art Jewelry Supply Square Tubes
- Beebeecraft Stackable Round Plastic Containers
- Kit X Change
  - Multi-Use Storage Panel
  - Travel Envelope
- Elfa Rolling File
- Sterilite Plastic File Clip Box (Amazon)
- Akro Mills 26 Drawer Organizer
- IkeaFinstorp Rail with Condiment Holder
- Boon Drying Rack (Target/Online)
- 3M Command System
- Closet Maid Adjustable Tier & Wall Rack
- ArtBin Vinyl Storage Tower
- Daylight Slimline 3 Floor Lamp
- Ikea
  - Kallax cabinets, Billy bookcase
  - Kuggis Boxes w/ lid
  - Winsome Halifax 7-drawer cabinets (Amazon)
- 3-In-1 Color Tool by Joen Wolfroem

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